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BEFORE THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

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Senator Gerratana, Representative Johnson, and members of the Public Health Committee. I am Terrence W. Macy, Ph.D., Commissioner of the Department of Developmental Services (DDS). Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of **S.B. No. 413** - **An Act Concerning Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (MOLST)**.

S.B. No. 413 would establish a pilot program to implement the use of medical orders for life-sustaining treatment. DDS supports the concept of MOLST and the pilot. DDS hopes that individuals with intellectual disability will participate in the pilot.

DDS is appreciative that the Department of Public Health (DPH) has consistently invited DDS to participate in discussions on this issue and in the development of the pilot program. DPH has been respectful and mindful of the rights of individuals with intellectual disability and how this process might impact them and we fully expect this commitment to continue.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify in support of **S.B. No. 413**. Please contact Christine Pollio Cooney, DDS Director of Legislative and Executive Affairs at 860 418-6066, if you have any questions for us regarding this bill.